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A DAY AGO,
A CLIENT HIRED
MY CREW TO LOOK
FOR A MISSING
DAME.

GOOD NEWS IS
WE FOUND HER.

BAD
NEWS...
WELL...

WE'RE TRAPPED
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HOWEVER, BEING A
WORLD-CLASS DETECTIVE,
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OF A PLAN.

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OF A PLAN.

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MORNING!

Uh, MORNING.

WE REACH THE ISLAND ALREADY?

NAY.

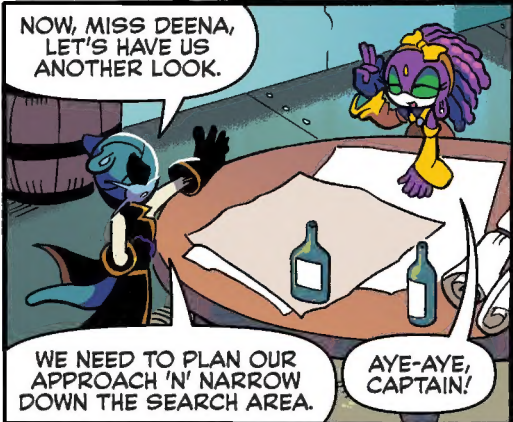


THE SEABED GROWS ROUGH HERE. IT BE SAFER TO MAKE OUR APPROACH THIS WAY.

SO THIS SHIP'S BUILT FOR STEALTH AND MANEUVERABILITY... PERFECT FOR PIRACY, HUH?



NO OTTER WAY'S BETTER. WE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT MY CREW'S NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.



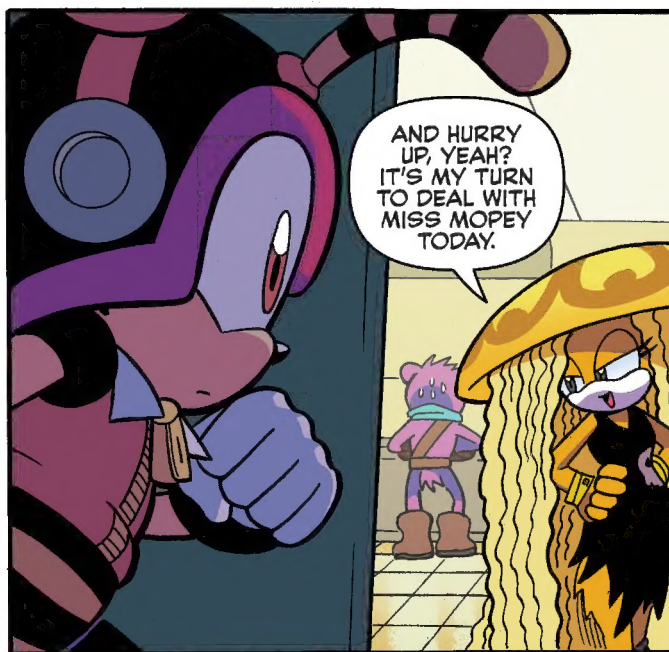
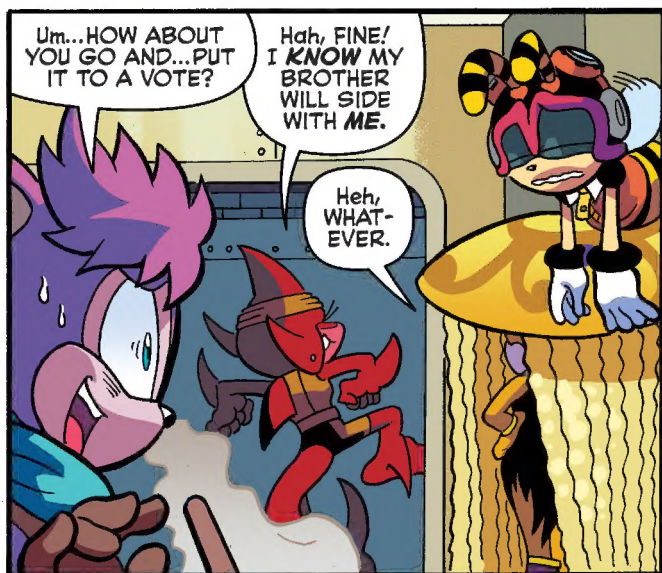
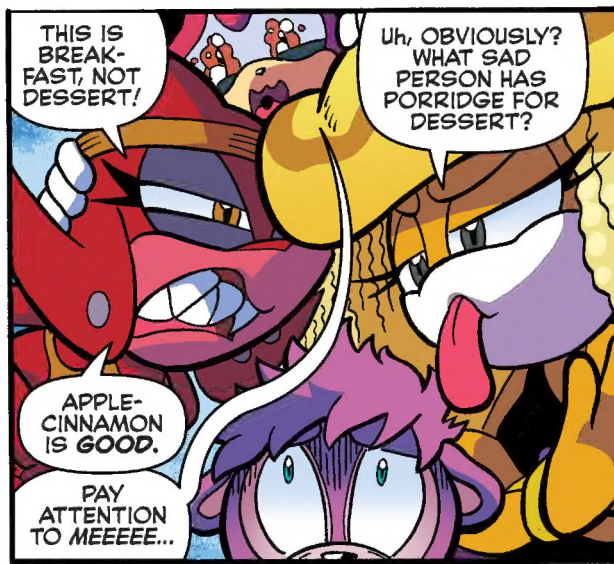
NOW, MISS DEENA, LET'S HAVE US ANOTHER LOOK.

WE NEED TO PLAN OUR APPROACH 'N' NARROW DOWN THE SEARCH AREA.

AYE-AYE, CAPTAIN!



SO...LOOKS LIKE THAT KEY IS NEEDED TO WORK THE SHIP'S SYSTEMS. GOOD TO KNOW.



ELSEWHERE...

I MANAGED TO SPEAK WITH RAZOR BRIEFLY, AND TOLD HIM WE HAVE A PLAN.

GOOD! IT'S ALL COMIN' TOGETHER.

...YOU DO HAVE A PLAN NOW, RIGHT?

Uh... IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS. YOU KNOW ME. I'M ADAPTABLE.

VECTOR!

I KNOW! THE MAIN PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS--

GUYS! GUYS!

OPAL'S GONNA BRING ECHO SOME FOOD AFTER BREAKFAST. SO IF YOU SNEAK DOWN RIGHT AFTER, NO ONE WILL BE AROUND!

DID I SAY "PROBLEM"? I MEANT "PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!"

I WOULDN'T SAY "PERFECT," BUT STILL, IT'S A BETTER CHANCE--

THAT WAS THE MOST FAKE-SOUNDING SNEEZE I'VE EVER--

Ah-CHOO!



...Ah.

WHAT'RE YOU THREE UP TO?



Oh, YOU KNOW, JUST...

TELLING JOKES! FUNNY JOKES!

Oh? LET'S HEAR.



O-O OF COURSE! SURE! Uh...SO...OKAY, A SPY, A ROBOT AND A GRUMPY SCIENCE EXPERIMENT GO TO THE BEACH AND--

BWAHAHAHAHA!!



CHARMY. THAT WASN'T THE PUNCHLINE.

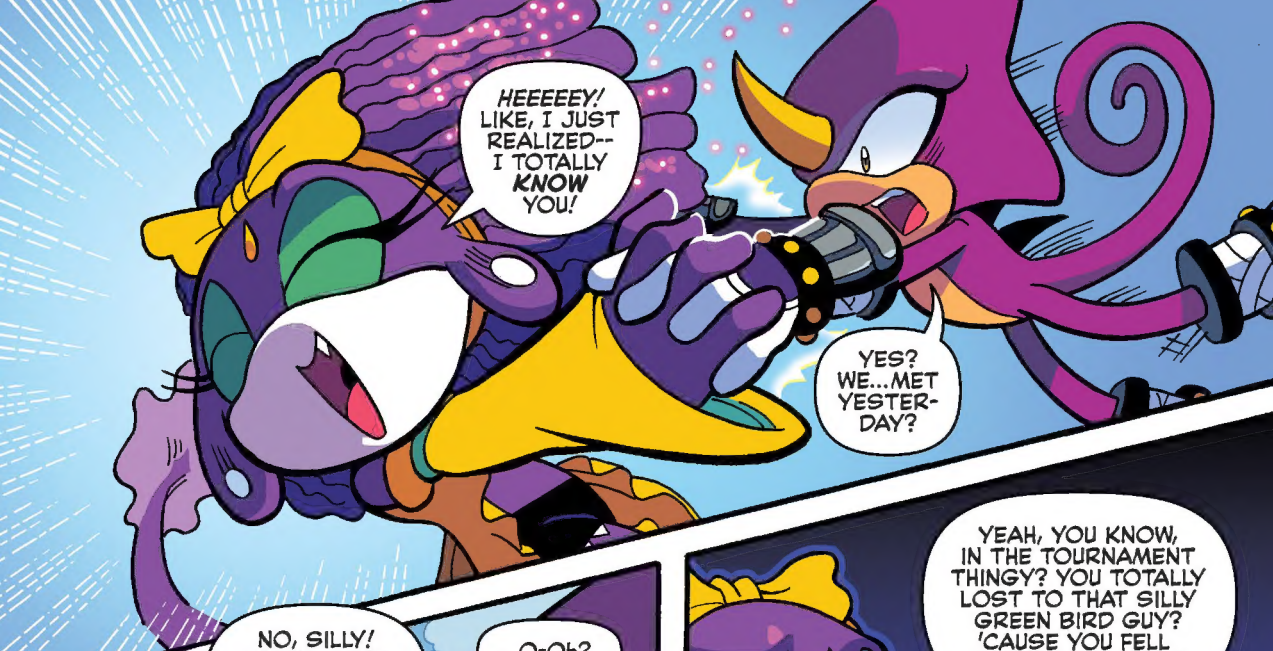
Oh. DID YOU COME UP WITH ONE YET?



IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?

I MEAN--NOT AN **ACTUAL** JOKE-- BECAUSE THAT WASN'T--

Ugh, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! WHAT--



HEEEEEE!
LIKE, I JUST
REALIZED--
I TOTALLY
KNOW
YOU!

YES?
WE... MET
YESTER-
DAY?



NO, SILLY!
I MEAN, LIKE,
I'VE SEEN YOU
BEFORE? BACK
IN EMPIRE
CITY!

...O-Oh?



YEAH, YOU KNOW,
IN THE TOURNAMENT
THINGY? YOU TOTALLY
LOST TO THAT SILLY
GREEN BIRD GUY?
'CAUSE YOU FELL
OUT OF THE RING?

Oh, HEY!
I SAW THAT
MATCH! I
DIDN'T
REALIZE IT
WAS YOU!



Y-YOU'RE BOTH
MISTAKEN. I
WOULD NEVER
BE DEFEATED
SO SHAME-
FULLY.

THIS... COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
PERSON CLEARLY NEEDS TO
WORK ON THEIR DISCIPLINE,
THOUGH.



OKAY, YOU GUYS
ARE ALL RIDICULOUS
AND I NEED TO STOP
OPAL FROM RUINING
BREAKFAST,
SO--

DING!
DING
DING



--ANNND
I'M TOO LATE.
GREAT.



Whew.
THOUGHT WE
WERE IN TROUBLE
THERE FOR A SEC.
LUCKY BREAK,
Huh?

Oh,
YES!



TOTALLY
LUCKY.



ALL RIGHT, YOU LOT, LISTEN UP.
WE'LL BE HEADIN' OUT NOT TOO LONG
FROM NOW. A GREAT TREASURE AWAITS
US ON YONDER ISLAND.



NOW, WE MAY
BE A SMALL
CREW...

WE MAY HAVE BUT
THIS ONE VESSEL, AND
FEW WEAPONS...

WE MAY HAVE BEEN
OTTERLY *BETRAYED* BY
OUR FORMER ALLIES,
OUR VERY FAMILY...

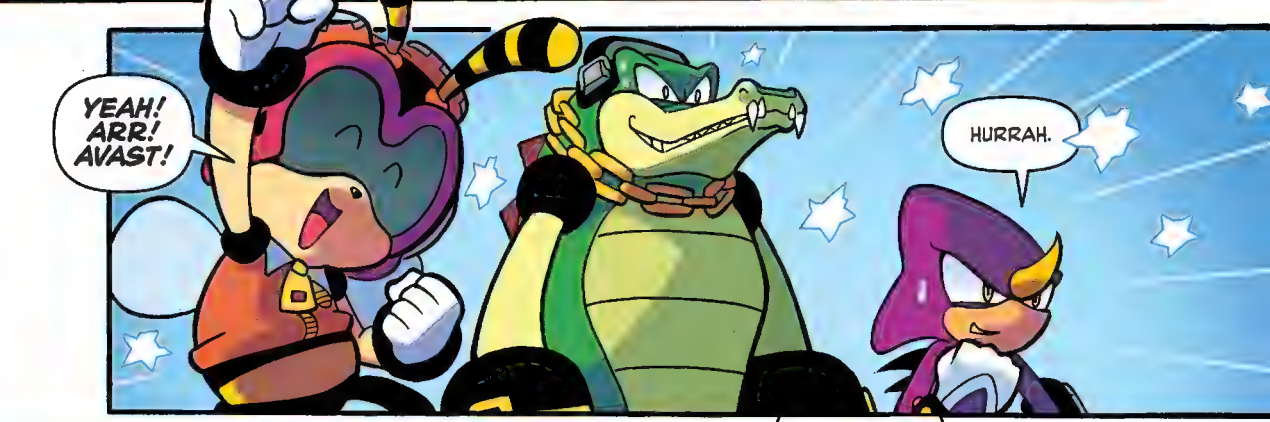
Ah, CAP'N? YER
SOUNDIN' A WEE BIT
ON THE NEGATIVE
SIDE...

I BE
MAKIN' A
POINT
HERE.



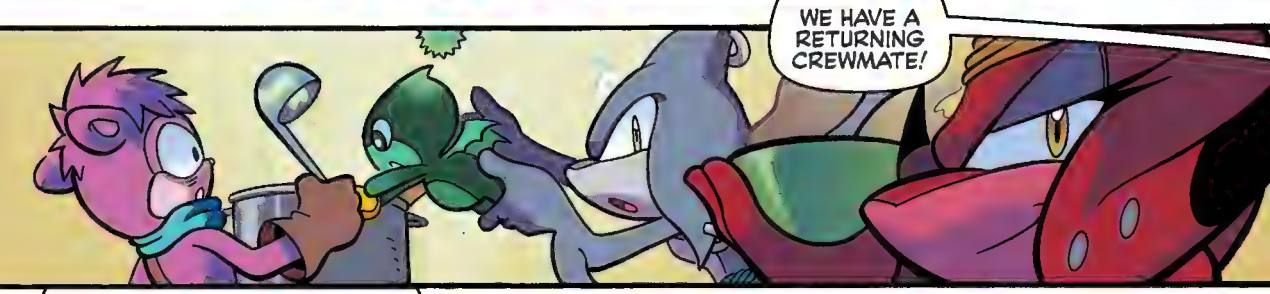
BUT FROM THESE DARK DEPTHS, WE ARISE ANEW!

WE HAVE NEW CREWMATES!

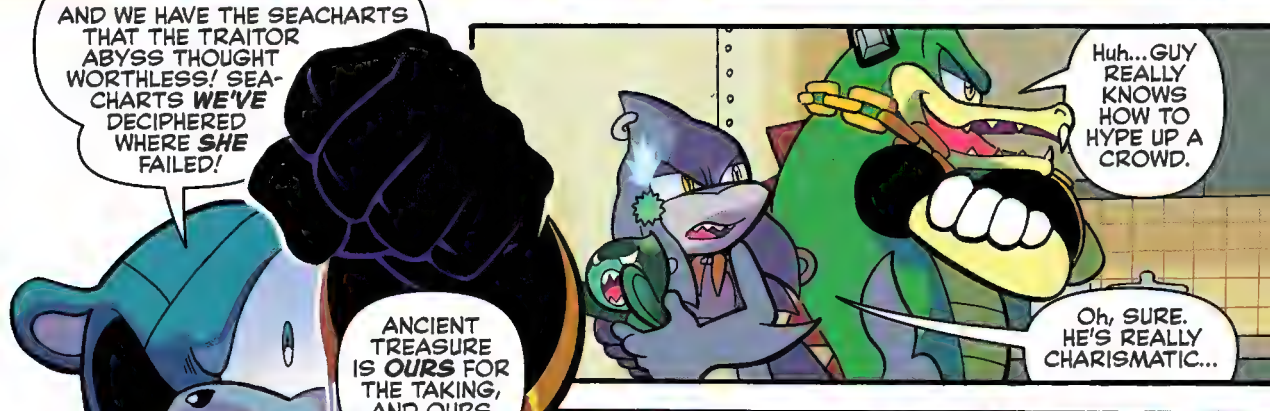


YEAH! ARR! AVAST!

HURRAH.



WE HAVE A RETURNING CREWMATE!



AND WE HAVE THE SEACHARTS THAT THE TRAITOR ABYSS THOUGHT WORTHLESS! SEACHARTS WE'VE DECIPHERED WHERE SHE FAILED!

ANCIENT TREASURE IS OURS FOR THE TAKING, AND OURS ALONE!

ME CREW, ME FRIENDS-- WE WALK A PATH OF RICHES AND GLORY! AND THOUGH THEY MAY TRY, NONE SHALL DIVERT US FROM OUR COURSE!

HEAR HEAR! WHOOOO!

Huh... GUY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO HYPE UP A CROWD.

Oh, SURE. HE'S REALLY CHARISMATIC...



...UNTIL HE'S NOT.

WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING...

"...IT'S GONNA HAVE TO HAPPEN SOON."

SHORTLY...

EAT UP, YEAH? IT'S GROSS WHEN IT'S COLD.

KLANG

LIEUTENANT...?

AAH!
WHAT THE
WHAT?!

SPLASH

Shh!
SORRY TO
STARTLE YOU,
BUT WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH TIME.
WE'RE ABOUT
TO--

YOU
STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

I HIRED YOU! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP ME! WE SPENT AN ENTIRE CAR TRIP TOGETHER AND DID RESEARCH AND RAN INTO THAT SCOUNDREL AND HIS ILL-MANNERED CHAO AND THEN GOT DRAGGED ONTO THIS FORSAKEN VESSEL AND I WAS HELD AT KNIFEPOINT AND BETRAYED BY EVERYONE AND THE VERY PERSON I SET OUT TO RESCUE WANTS TO RANSOM ME AND NOW I'M TRAPPED IN THIS COLD CELL BEING FED GRUEL THAT SMELLS LIKE IT'S NINETY-PERCENT SUGAR AND NOW YOU HAVE THE GALL TO JUST--TO JUST DROP IN HERE AND--AND--



LATER...

DIVE. STAY HERE AND WATCH THE BOAT, LAD.

YES, SIR!

WHAT, AFRAID SOMEONE MIGHT STEAL IT?

MORE LIKE WE DON'T WANT IT TO GET LOOSE AND DRIFT AWAY?

YEAH. UNLESS YOU WANT TO LUG WHATEVER WE FIND HERE BACK YOURSELF.

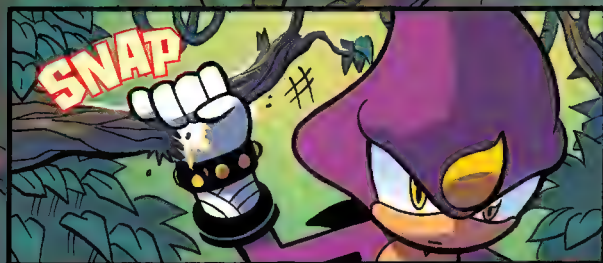
HAHA, RIGHT! MAKES SENSE. AND I GUESS IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT SOMEONE WOULD COME BY AND RUN OFF WITH THE SETTING DAWN WAY OUT HERE, HUH?

YER PARANOIA GROWS TIRE-SOME, MR. VECTOR. EVEN IF SOME FOOL DID BOARD MY SHIP, THEY WOULDN'T BE GETTIN' FAR.

RIGHT, RIGHT.

IF WE'RE GONNA PULL THIS OFF, WE NEED THE KEY TO THE SHIP.

NOW-- ONWARD, LADS 'N' LASSES!



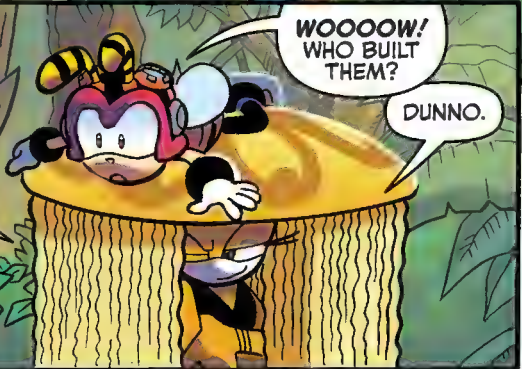
'TIS JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, NO?

YOU REALLY SURPRISED AT THIS POINT, OLD MAN?



SO...ALL THE PLACES THESE CHARTS LED YOU...THEY'RE ALL THE SITES OF RUINS?

YUP.



WOOOOW! WHO BUILT THEM?

DUNNO.



AWW. BUT THEY'RE SO COOL!

I KNOW, RIGHT? THEY'RE ALL SO MYSTERIOUS AND HISTORICAL AND STUFF!

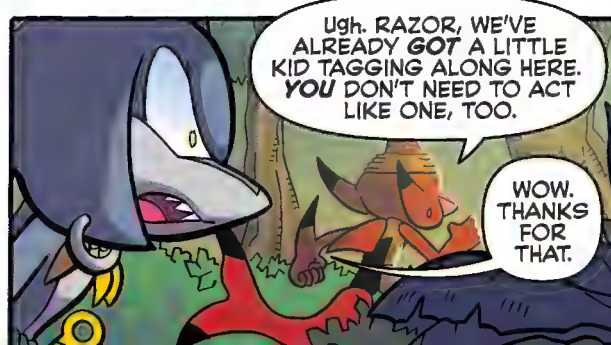
SO WHAT? THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THEM ARE LONG DEAD. THEY DON'T MATTER ANYMORE.



YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED AT ALL?

WE'VE SEEN TOMS OF THESE SITES BY NOW. THE ONLY THING I'M INTERESTED IN IS PROFITING OFF WHAT-EVER WEIRD JUNK WE DIG UP HERE.

OKAY, BUT...IT'S KIND OF NEAT, YOU KNOW? DON'T YOU WONDER WHY THESE PEOPLE LEFT THEIR STUFF ALL OVER? OR WHY THESE CHARTS--



Ugh. RAZOR, WE'VE ALREADY GOT A LITTLE KID TAGGING ALONG HERE. YOU DON'T NEED TO ACT LIKE ONE, TOO.

WOW. THANKS FOR THAT.



AH, LAD, DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL NONE. BLADE HERE'S BEEN COMPLAININ' FOR WEEKS. SHE JUST MISSES THE RAIDS 'N' ALL.

MAYBE THE HEAT IS GETTING TO YOU.

MAYBE.



YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN SHE'S GLAD TO HAVE YA BACK. WE BOTH ARE. AND TELL ME TRUE-- I BET YOU MISSED THIS LIFE!

THE ADVENTURE, THE EXCITEMENT...

WELL... YEAH. I DID MISS IT, I GUESS...



Oh, COME ON. THIS? THIS IS BORING.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TREASURE HUNTING?

IT ISN'T WINNING.



WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?!

THERE'S NO TRIUMPH! NO... CONFLICT, NO... ARGH!

WHAT, IT'S ONLY FUN IF YOU GET TO ROB SOMEONE?



Oh, DON'T YOU START THIS AGAIN! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! THE WORLD NEVER GAVE PEOPLE LIKE US ANYTHING AND YOU KNOW IT! IT OWES US!

SO WE HAVE TO TAKE, IS THAT IT? IT'S US VERSUS EVERYONE ELSE?



IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN! WHY DON'T YOU GET THAT?!



THAT'S ENOUGH, NOW, LASS.

TAKE IT EASY, THERE.

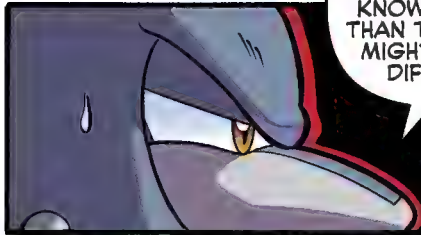


Uh, KID... YOU GONNA BE OKAY?

...YEAH. DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR PLAN.

NOT.. ENTIRELY WHAT I MEANT.

I KNOW. IF ANYTHING IT MAKES THINGS EASIER.



STILL... GUESS I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO THINK IT MIGHT'VE BEEN DIFFERENT.

OUGHT TO LOCK THOSE TWO IN THE BRIG TILL THEY AGREE TO STOP BICKERING...

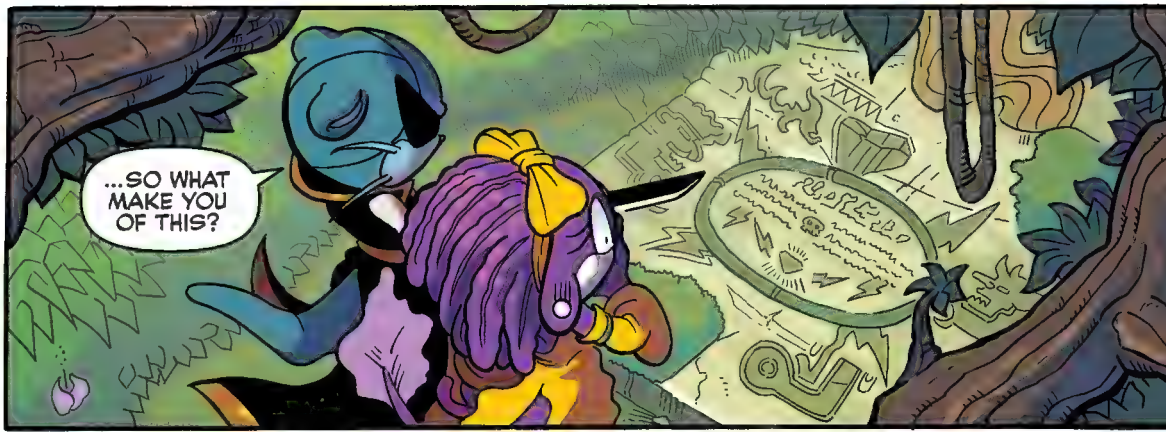
...OR KILL EACH OTHER, HaHa!



LADY DEENA! I'VE SOMETHING CURIOUS HERE.

Umm... I DON'T THINK WE'RE NEAR THE SPOT YET?

I'M AWARE...



...SO WHAT MAKE YOU OF THIS?



CAN YE READ ANY OF IT?

Ohh... I THINK SO? JUST A MINUTE... IT'S ALL, LIKE, MISSING AND FUZZY AND STUFF BUT...



SO..."KNOW THIS..." UH...SOMETHING LIKE "CHAIN OF ISLANDS"? THIS PART IS LIKE "SORROW," "WITH GREAT REGRET" SOMETHING-SOMETHING...EITHER SAYS "ENERGY" OR "COCONUT"--THIS IS, LIKE, SO CONFUSING?

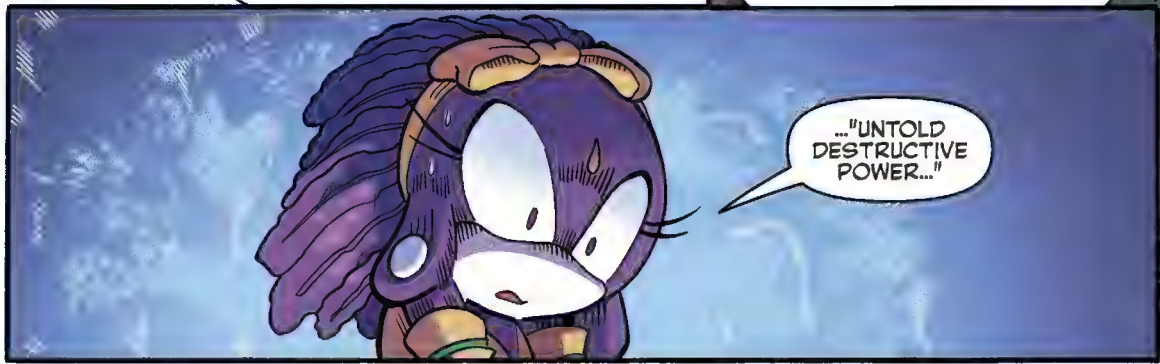
THIS PART IS LIKE "HEED"? "ALLOW TO SLUMBER UNTIL SUCH A TIME"...UH...THIS IS REALLY HARD WITHOUT CONTEXT AND STUFF. SAYS "SLEEPS" A COUPLE MORE TIMES... "DISTURBED"--NO!--"UNDISTURBED"...



THIS ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE AN EPITAPH.

I'M OKAY WITH GRAVE ROBBING. UH, DOES IT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT CURSES?

I DON'T *THINK* IT'S LIKE THAT... WAIT, THIS PART HERE...



..."UNTOLD DESTRUCTIVE POWER..."



THIS IS...A WARNING.

CAPTAIN, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY KIND OF TREASURE HERE. I THINK IT MIGHT BE...SOME KIND OF **WEAPON**.

THAT'S EVEN BETTER.



WHAT? B-BUT IT SAYS...NOT TO...

I TAKE NO ORDERS FROM LUMPS OF STONE, MISS DEENA.



"UNTOLD DESTRUCTIVE POWER..." WHO WOULD DARE STAND AGAINST US?

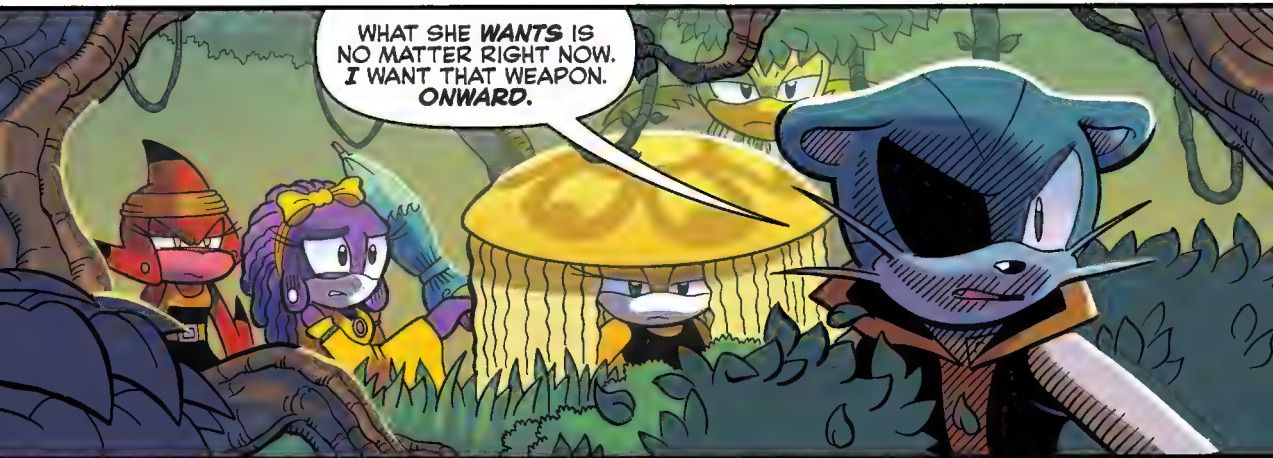
WHAT'S ABYSS AND HER DOZEN SHIPS AGAINST SUCH A WEAPON? MIGHT BE IT'S EVEN ENOUGH TO OPPOSE THE ENTIRETY OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!

THE WEALTH OF ENTIRE NATIONS COULD BE OURS FOR THE TAKING! THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, EVEN MEROPIS...!

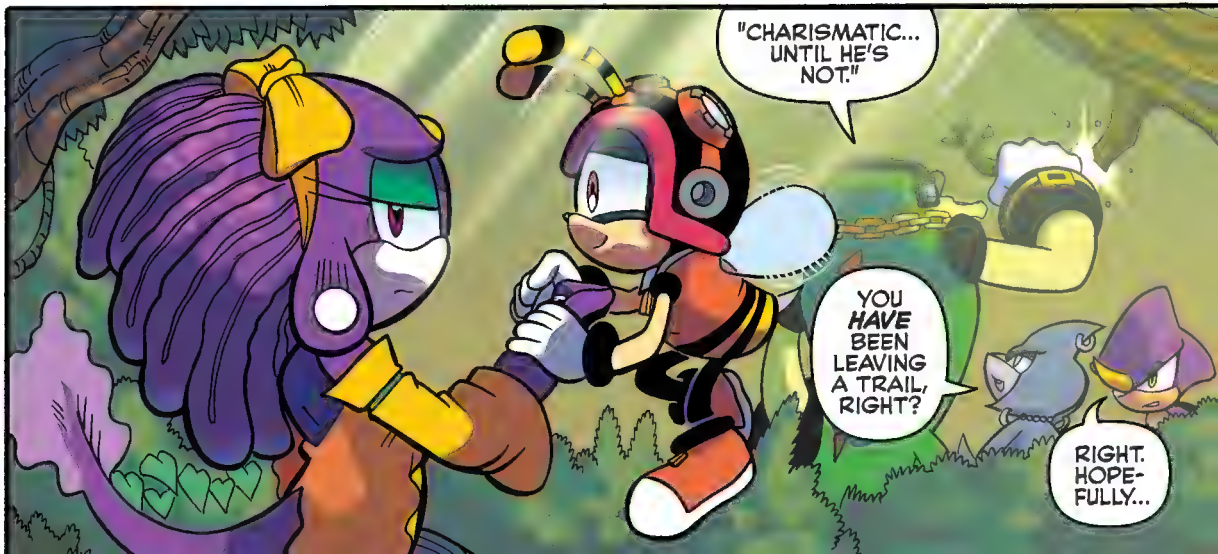


CAPTAIN... THAT'S MY HOME...

Aw, C'MON. THEY COULD ALWAYS SURRENDER. BESIDES, IT'S **NOT** YOUR HOME ANYMORE, YEAH? DIDN'T YOU WANT THE FREEDOM TO TRAVEL?



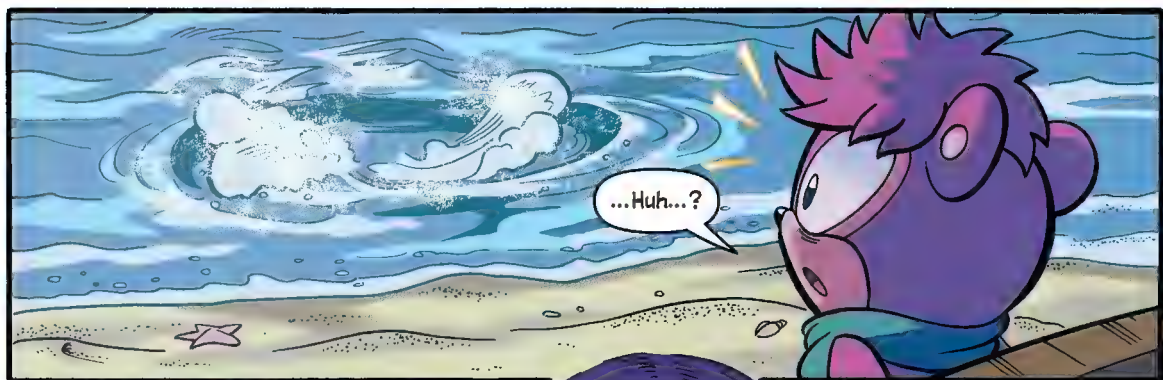
WHAT SHE WANTS IS NO MATTER RIGHT NOW. I WANT THAT WEAPON. ONWARD.

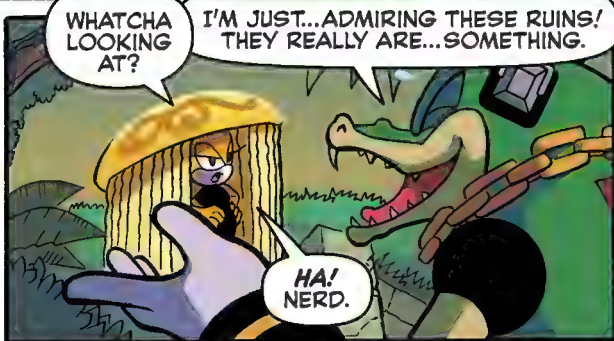


"CHARISMATIC... UNTIL HE'S NOT!"

YOU HAVE BEEN LEAVING A TRAIL, RIGHT?

RIGHT. HOPEFULLY...





WHATCHA LOOKING AT?

I'M JUST...ADMIRING THESE RUINS! THEY REALLY ARE...SOMETHING.

HA! NERD.

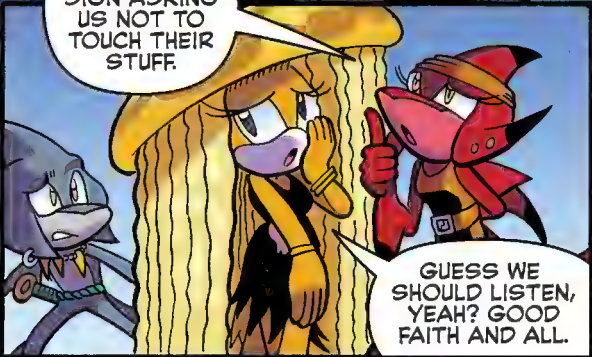


WHERE IS SHE? WE CAN'T JUST MAKE A RUN FOR IT! WE NEED TO--

THIS IS IT.



Um... ABOVE THE DOOR THERE...IT'S, LIKE, ASKING US TO LEAVE THIS PLACE ALONE...



Oh, WELL. THEY LEFT A SIGN ASKING US NOT TO TOUCH THEIR STUFF.

GUESS WE SHOULD LISTEN, YEAH? GOOD FAITH AND ALL.



AHAHAHAHA!!



CAPTAIN...

I THOUGHT I'D ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR: I DON'T CARE.

I AIM TO HAVE WHATEVER'S HIDDEN BEHIND THIS DOOR.

OPEN IT.



THE CHAOTIX HAVE A PLAN--BUT THEY MIGHT BE CUTTING IT CLOSE!
CAN IS HELP ON THE WAY? WHAT'S BEHIND THAT DOOR?! ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT TIME
AS OUR HEROES ESCAPE?! ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT TIME
"CASE OF THE PIRATE PRINCESS" COMES TO A CLOSE!

UNTIL THEN DON'T MISS OUT ON MORE SONIC ACTION WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that floats like a butterfly, stings like a jellyfish!

WAIT! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?!

Hello fans of anthropomorphic animals that go fast! Looks as if our heroes have stumbled upon something extremely dangerous and powerful, but what could it be?! A super weapon? That eighth Chaos Emerald from Sonic the Fighters that nobody remembers? A Chao that knows kung-fu?



DIVE
LEMMING

- WIDE-EYED, A LITTLE SPACEY/NERVOUS
- SLIGHT BAGS UNDER EYES
- TINY TAIL
- HAIR TENDS TO FALL IN HIS FACE
- NOT THAT YOU CAN SEE IT BUT THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE AN ANCHOR-SHAPED BUCKLE ON THE BELT ACROSS HIS CHEST
- ROLLED SCARF AROUND NECK (NOT TRIANGULAR)
- HAD SOME LIGHT PINK MARKINGS ON THE BACK/BAGS BUT OOPS THAT PART OF THE FILE IS GONE. DITTO FOR HIS DAGGER.
- NOT ACTUALLY THREATENING
- LOOOOOVES THE OCEAN



Oh, Dive. Unless you count his probably broken bones, this poor dude can't catch a break. Eh, he's too zoned out to even realize anyway, so I guess it's all good?

OPAL
JELLYFISH



- LONG, HAIR-LIKE TENDRILS DOMINATE MOST OF HER FORM
- TWO STINGERS HIDDEN AMONG THEM
- LAYERED BANGLES/ANKLETS
- CURVY/PEAR-SHAPE TORSO
- RIPPED DRESS HEM
- "CUTEQ" SKULL DESIGN
- FLIPPER-FEET
- DAISY-LIKE PATTERN ON "CAP"
- LAZY AND EASILY AMUSED



She's got style, she's got grace, she's a winner. She's a jellyfish lady. Whoa whoa whoa, she's a jellyfish lady.

Or maybe it's something completely out of Sonic's world! We'll find out what the hype is all about NEXT TIME! (or not) 'Till then, enjoy some cool concept art by Aleah Baker!

So long!

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THINK "BEE"FORE YOU SPEAK

OR OTTER YAR MIND



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